



	Unit of Measure	2021 ¹	Share of B.C.
Population Characteristics			
Population ²	#	864,864	17.3%
Population Increase since 2016 ²	#	65,464	18.6%
Jurisdictional Land Area ²	ha	8,405,249	9.1%
Agricultural Land Reserve ³	ha	120,009	2.6%
Farm Characteristics			
Total Farmland Area ⁵	ha	41,642	1.8%
Number of Farms	#	2,158	13.6%
Average Farm Size	ha	19	NA
Total Farm Operators	#	3,290	13.9%
Total Farm Capital	\$	\$4,408,475,166	8.3%
Total Farm Cash Receipts	\$	\$668,541,014	16.4%
Total Number of Agricultural Workers	#	2,176	7.1%
Farmland Use			
Crops ⁶	ha	17,324	3.1%
Summerfallow	ha	201	4.1%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	2,744	1.5%
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	8,052	0.6%
All Other Land ⁷	ha	5,003	6.3%
Crop Area			
Hay Crops ⁸	ha	11,655	7.1%
Field Crops ⁸	ha	15,731	3.0%
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	788	2.8%
Vegetables	ha	666	11.0%
Nursery Products	ha	116	4.9%
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	21	3.2%
Greenhouse Flower Area	m ²	73,820	4.2%
Greenhouse Vegetable Area	m ²	171,022	4.9%
Other Greenhouse Production Area	m ²	54,974	7.7%
Mushroom Growing Area	m ²	3,542	1.1%
Christmas Tree Growing Area	ha	305	24.1%
Area Irrigated	ha	13,565	5.6%
Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale⁹			
		Farms Reporting	
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	60	13.1%
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	10	17.5%
Farms With Written Succession Plans⁹			
		Farms	
Family Members as Successors	#	145	10.0%
Non-family Members as Successors	#	14	15.4%

Sources

1 Sector Insights and Corporate Initiatives adapted from Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture 2021, unless otherwise specified.

2 Sector Insights and Corporate Initiatives adapted from Statistics Canada. Census of Population 2021.

3 Source: Agricultural Land Commission, <https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca/dataset/92e17599-ac8a-47c8-877c-107768cb373c>

Vancouver Island-Coast Census Agriculture Region

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Animals on Farms		Farms	Number	Farms	Number
Hens & Chickens	#	943	634,190	22.1%	2.8%
Turkeys	#	77	17,108	20.5%	2.3%
Total Other Poultry	#	144	8,350	19.7%	1.4%
Cattle & Calves	#	452	19,790	9.4%	3.2%
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	#	73	5,661	11.9%	7.0%
<i>Beef Cows</i>	#	296	3,048	8.9%	1.6%
Pigs	#	195	2,566	24.7%	2.9%
Sheep & Lambs	#	362	9,806	25.6%	18.0%
Horses & Ponies	#	234	1,501	10.4%	7.8%
Goats	#	153	1,587	19.2%	9.2%
Mink	#	2	62	16.7%	0.1%
Bison	#	3	92	6.3%	0.6%
Deer	#	4	248	66.7%	78.0%
Llamas & Alpacas	#	40	234	16.9%	14.1%
Rabbits	#	52	414	25.0%	23.3%
Colonies of Bees for Honey	#	165	3,903	19.4%	7.8%

Sales Direct to Consumers⁹

Farms Reporting

Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	1,284	24.7%
Sales of Value-added Products	#	175	29.6%
Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	947	28.1%
Using Farmers' Markets	#	243	28.4%
Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	69	34.7%
Through direct deliveries to consumers	#	632	23.5%
Using off-site farm stores or stands	#	122	24.4%
Using Other Methods	#	59	23.4%

Technologies Use on Farms

Farms Reporting

Robotic Greenhouse Equipment	#	5	12.2%
Use of Automated Steering (Auto-Steer)	#	11	1.7%
Use of GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	35	8.8%
Use of Robotic Milking	#	15	12.1%
Variable Rate Input Application	#	102	7.0%
Slow-release Fertilizer	#	447	14.0%
Soil Sample Test	#	329	11.7%
Drones	#	28	9.2%

Renewable Energy Systems Production

Farms Reporting

Geothermal Electric Power Generator	#	41	15.0%
Solar Panels	#	176	19.3%
Wind Turbines	#	7	8.1%
Bioenergy	#	106	14.4%

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

x - indicates farms reporting but information suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act

NA - indicates data is not available or applicable

5 Total farmland area includes both workable and non-workable land on farm operations in B.C.

6 Crops include hay crops, field crops, field vegetables, fruits and nuts, sod and nursery products.

7 Other farmland area includes: woodland, wetlands, Christmas tree land, land on which farm buildings, barnyards, lanes, home gardens, greenhouses and mushroom houses, and idle land.

8 Does not include those crop areas suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act.

9 The "number of farms reporting" may not equal the sum of the parts because farms reporting more than one category (or activity) are only counted once. A new conceptual definition of a "farm" was introduced in 2021 so historical comparisons are not recommended.